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Briefly

Rotary chili

The Granite City Rotary Club will serve up its annual chili dinner Tuesday, March 2. The all-you-can-eat meal will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th Street and Delmar Avenue. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from any Rotary member or may be purchased at the door.

All proceeds will go toward the club's Polio Plus Campaign and Rotary community projects.

Calaways here

J. Albert and Betsy Calaway will be featured at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at Tri City Park Tabernacle, 3400 Madison Street. Their 18-year-old son became involved with drugs, alcohol and the law and received a long prison sentence. They have appeared on TV programs and Albert Calaway has written a novel based on the family's experiences.

Benefit dance

A benefit dance for Ronnie Baker will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion, 1825 State St.

The 7-month-old boy underwent a liver transplant at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. All proceeds from the dance will go to the Ronnie Baker Trust Fund.

A donation of \$7 will include beer and set-ups. Music will be by Mountain Grove. For more information, the number is 451-2584 or 877-8721.

Deaths

Barbara Archer
Shirley Brewner
Frank Lindsay
Irene Orrick
Lula Riddle

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Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
Feb. 24, 680: Pick 4: 3-14
Lotto: Lotto Grande
05-11-12-19-33
18-25-28-34-44-46
Feb. 23: 0-2-5: Pick 4: 4-6-7-9
Feb. 22: 0-4-7: Pick 4: 5-4-1-3
Lotto: Lotto Grande
04-11-26-27-30
Feb. 21: 3-6-0: Pick 4: 4-7-8-5
Feb. 20: 6-8-9: Pick 4: 2-0-2-8
Lotto: Lotto Grande
06-14-33-34-37-53

75 years ago

Feb. 26, 1918
The Anti-Saloon League of Illinois is campaigning to 1919 following enactment of a prohibition resolution in Washington. City dry campaigns are already in place in Alton and Chicago.

Trivia

How many people are employed at Granite City Steel?

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Cost overrun angers councilmen

By Bob Slaten
Staff writer

Several city officials are steaming about \$123,000 in cost overruns associated with the recently completed new curbs, gutters and sidewalks in East Granite and Lincoln Place.

Initially, Public Works Director Brett Hanke estimated the cost of the project at \$327,000.

The City Council allocated \$360,000 for the project, but the

final bill for the improvements came to \$490,000, Hanke told the City Council's Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee Tuesday night.

Hanke accepted total responsibility for the overrun.

"It's my mistake. There are a myriad of errors," Hanke said.

He said neither himself nor C.D. Peters Construction Co., which did the work, realized that costs would exceed the amount

appropriated for the project until the work was completed.

The Peters bid was accepted on a "unit price" basis, Hanke said.

While his estimate for the cost of each unit was essentially correct, he underestimated the number of

units actually completed, Hanke explained.

The improvements were a part of neighborhood revitalization programs in East Granite and in Lincoln Place and are to be paid for with Madison County Community Development funds.

None of the aldermen expressed dissatisfaction with the amount by which the actual costs of the project exceeded Hanke's estimate.

"I've never done any concrete

work in my life. But I think I can get within a third," said 5th Ward alderman Jim Caudill.

In his own defense, Hanke pointed out that he "saved" the city 10 times the amount of the East Granite/Lincoln Place overrun when he also erred in his estimation of the cost of the recently completed Nameoki sewer improvement (Instituted project).

While Hanke estimated the (See COST, Page 2A)

School crossing causes concern

Mitchell crossing called 'accident waiting to happen'

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Walter Serum is hot about the school crossing in front of Mitchell School and he has Granite City schools Board of Education member Gary Eavenson hot about it, too.

Serum said he has made a point of watching the crossing on East Chain of Rocks Road for several months.

Originally, Serum said, the yellow lights flashed 24 hours a day so everyone ignored them. After he complained to Superintendent of Schools Steve Balen, Serum said, that was changed.

Now Serum just flash seven days a week during the day," Serum said.

He said motorists still ignore the flashing lights and don't slow down.

Eavenson said he has been crossing, watched with Serum several times and agreed it is "an accident waiting to happen." Both said traffic lights need to be installed at the location.

Ron Landman, director of buildings and grounds, said the

school district has been doing what it can, but said the crossing is caught in the midst of a bureaucratic snarl with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

East Chain of Rocks Road is a state highway (Highway 203), but IDOT said the crossing itself belongs to the school district.

Landman said he first approached IDOT about sharing the cost of a signal, but that was declined. Now Landman said, the district is willing to pay for a traffic signal at the crossing, but cannot unless IDOT first grants approval.

"They say it's our problem, but they want to approve anything before we do it," Landman said.

"I was told the crossing qualified for a signal light, based on both motor traffic and pedestrian traffic, but that it may not be approved because of fear that (its location) may lead to fatal accidents."

Serum and Eavenson also (See CROSSING, Page 2A)

Felony case filings up 8 percent here

By Bob Slaten
Staff writer

Police Chief Don Knight says he is not surprised that crime increased last year in Granite City. He also expects the trend to continue.

"There is a trend of increased criminal activity and I expect that to continue," Knight said.

Knight attributed the increase in crime to two factors — an increase due to annexations, in the actual area of the city and an increase in the number of businesses in the city.

An estimated \$1,150,000 in property was reported stolen during the year. The total crime increased \$200,000 destroyed due to criminal activity, according to the police department's annual report for 1992.

In response to the increase in criminal activity, Knight has instituted a crime prevention unit. The unit emphasizes com-

munity awareness and participation programs, such as Neighborhood Watch, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), the City-Wide Fight Against Drugs Festival Week, and a citizen response survey.

"With the trend of increasing crime and fewer police officers, we are going to have to rely more on citizen participation programs like these," Knight said.

Knight said he agrees with some aldermen on the City Council's Police Committee that his department is "under-staffed."

"Civilians should be enlisted to perform non-police duties (cops, traffic, beat, handling of swimmers, officers). That would free up more officers for the streets," Knight said.

"But I still say we need more police officers as well. Since 1989, we have had an increase of (See CRIME, Page 2A)

Plant ready to resume work

American Steel set for March 1 start

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

American Steel Foundries is expected to resume operation at the beginning of March, according to company spokesman Jerry Gura.

"We've got one shift (approximately 200 workers) operating now and we're about to start some test heats (of steel) — bringing everything out and up," Gura said. "I think we're pretty much on schedule."

The company hopes to recall all of its laid-off employees — about 500 including the shift already back — "as soon as possible."

In December, American Steel announced that the Granite City facility, which had been closed since July 5, 1992, would remain and also announced that the Granite City facility would undergo a multi-million-dollar capital expansion so that it will eventually produce the entire

line of American Steel products.

The expansion is expected to lead to as many as 1,300 jobs at the foundry.

The Granite City foundry had made side frames and bolsters for railroad car wheel assemblies.

With the addition of a new molding machine and other improvements, it will now begin making end-of-car couplers, bringing everything out and up," Gura said. "I think we're pretty much on schedule."

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Buddy Davis, director of District 34, United Steelworkers of America, negotiated the contract

extension that allowed the Granite City foundry to reopen.

Davis stressed that the extension made "no economic concessions, no wage cuts and no benefit reductions."

American Steel's Granite City Works — the largest steel foundry in the free world — closed in 1982 when the market for railroad cars went into a deep recession. It reopened in 1988, but closed again in 1991 when the market declined again.

Davis said the company should be applauded for continuing its union contracts throughout the "decreasing layoffs" in 1982 and 1991.

At its peak, the Granite City foundry employed 1,750 people and produced more than 25,000 sets of side frames and bolsters a year.

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Every student who participated received a certificate.

We stress the regular scientific process," said Cindy Gruen, who with Pat Gomar chaired this year's fair. "This year's projects were very impressive."

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Mobile home restrictions slated

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

New mobile homes in Venice will apparently only be allowed in mobile home parks.

The City Council Tuesday instructed Alderman John Ervin, chairman of the Zoning Commission charged with writing Venice's first-ever zoning ordinance, to add the restriction to the proposed ordinance.

The Zoning Commission was scheduled to meet Wednesday night to prepare a final version of the ordinance.

Questions concerning mobile

homes were raised at a hearing on the draft zoning ordinance Feb. 10.

In the draft ordinance, mobile homes in permanent foundations with wheels removed would have been allowed on any lot in the area zoned R-2 residential. That area includes all of the city's current residential neighborhoods.

At the hearing, several residents and aldermen expressed concerns that mobile homes could hurt the property value of neighboring houses.

Alderman Henry Fletcher said that, while he understood those

concerns, people would be more likely to put up a mobile home than build a new house on the large number of 25-foot-wide vacant lots in the city.

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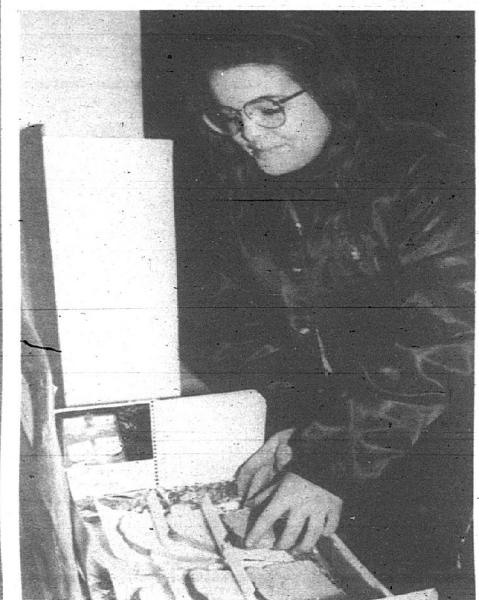
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Science Fair — Students from Granite City Community Unit District 9 took some 600 science fair projects to Prather School to be judged this year. In top left photo, fifth grader Brian Madison of Mitchell School fills his water-pressure gauge with water. In top right photo, Maryville School Principal Pat Conwa helps fifth grader Amanda Yeager of Marshall School to register her project. At bottom left, sixth grader Madrigal Vorce of Niedringhaus School puts her bread mold project together. At bottom right, fifth grader Emily Worthen of Frohardt School fills a dish with sand and iron filings for her project on separating filings.

FACES IN THE CROWD

(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



• Crime

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14 percent more calls with a corresponding decrease of 4 percent fewer sworn police officers," Knight said.

The Neighborhood Watch program has been instituted in 12 neighborhoods throughout the city with nearly 1,000 residents participating. Several more areas have expressed interest in establishing the program this

year, Knight said.

The department's 35-man patrol division answered a total of 27,188 complaints in 1992, or an average of 74 responses each day, 20 calls for service according to the report. The number of complaints is an 8 percent increase over 1991, the report states.

During the past year, police officers patrolled a total of 423,355 miles — the equivalent of 17 trips around the world — in

department vehicles, the report states.

The most common type of call for police assistance was civil and domestic-related problems. Officers responded to 4,484 calls of that nature, an increase of 8 percent over 1991.

Officers responded to 1,846 reports of suspicious persons or vehicles, the second most common call for the report states.

Other types of activity included: traffic accidents — 1,835 of them, resulting in four deaths, 482 injuries and about \$20,000 in property damage; alarms — 1,779, of which only one percent were related to actual offenses; complaints against minors — 1,405, an increase of 24 percent over the previous year; "lockouts" — 1,112 cases where someone had locked their keys in a car; complaints related to animals — 614, an increase of 32 percent over 1991; and shoplifting — 286, an 11 percent increase.

There were 327 felony cases filed with the State's Attorney's office, a 10 percent increase over 1991. Of those cases, 41 resulted in prison sentences of a year or more for the offender, five resulted in dismissal or not guilty verdicts, 157 are pending, and the remaining 124 resulted in probation, fines or jail time of less than a year.

Thirty-nine deaths were investigated, of which two were homicides. Both homicides resulted in arrests, and the trials are pending.

Knight said he is proud of his department.

"They all do their job under trying circumstances and still maintain their professionalism. I am proud of them," he said.

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Ervin said he hoped the Zoning Commission would have a final draft of the zoning ordinance ready for passage at the March 9 or March 23 City Council meeting.

• Cost

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total cost at \$4.7 million, the actual price tag was \$3.5 million.

"It is the same type of mistake in estimation. But when you underestimate the cost (as opposed to overestimating), the City Council has to find the money to make up the cost" in the budget, Harkins said.

Economic Development Director Alan Ortals suggested that

the funds could be taken from other Community Development accounts held by the city. Such an action would require a public hearing, Ortals said.

Alderman Jeff Worthen, chairman of the Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee, said that the overrun was "unfortunate."

"No matter where we find the money, some other project is going to suffer," Worthen said.

The matter was referred to the city's attorney staff.

• Homes

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Terrell said he believed the city should limit mobile homes to a mobile home park.

Alderman Victor Valentine agreed with Terrell and said, "I just don't like the idea of having (mobile homes) scattered out all across the city."

Terrell said he was willing to go along with the majority of the council.

"Since, as I recall, Alderman Fletcher was the only one who said anything about not wanting to see mobile homes to parks, I guess that ends it," Mayor Tyrone Echols said.

Venice currently has no mobile-home parks.

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Buddy Davis retiring as Steelworkers' union leader

Buddy Davis has been fighting for working men and women all his professional life.

"I've been on the front line for 40 years for the guy who sweats over the steel furnace for a paycheck," Davis said.

Davis' voice in the country's labor movement may be silent next month for the first time since 1950.

The 62-year-old labor leader will retire as director of the six-state District 34 of the United Steelworkers of America.

"Buddy is a steelworker's man. He's a fighter for laboring people all the way to the White House," said Thomas Majovsky, business representative of Alton Laborers Local 218.

Davis was fresh out of the U.S. Navy in 1950 when he went to work in the labor gang at Laclede Steel Co. in Alton.

He cut steel in the 100-degree summers to buy a paycheck home to his wife, Iola, and their newborn child living in a basement apartment in Wood River.

"I was so dirty from the steel mill job that nobody wanted to sit next to me on the bus ride home to Wood River," Davis said.

Davis was barely 20 years old when he spoke out about working conditions at the steel mill. He gained the confidence of his steelworker brothers and they elected him as a shop steward, and later vice president of Steelworkers Local 3643.

The Alton community took notice of the young labor leader in 1966 when he was elected the first president of the Alton-Wood River United Fund in 1961.

Davis started his climb to the top in the international steel-



Buddy Davis

workers union in 1957 when he was elected full-time president of Local 3643, which put him on the national limelight.

His talent for negotiating new contracts caught the eye of Lloyd McBride, District 34 director and later international president of the United Steelworkers of America.

"I sat at the negotiating table for days with very little sleep to hammer out a contract," Davis said. "We never went on strike at Laclede. I'm proud of that record."

With the support of McBride, Davis was elected director of steelworkers District 34, headquartered in St. Louis, in 1977.

"I was the voice for 36,000 steelworkers in six states," Davis said.

"Buddy was a tough negotiator," Majovsky said. "He was fair and well-respected. You could always trust his word."

While Davis traveled to Kan-

sas or Iowa to negotiate union contracts, his wife was on the home front caring for their six boys and two girls.

"My wife and children were my biggest supporters," Davis said.

As district director, Davis sits on the international board of the United Steelworkers.

"Buddy speaks out across the country for laboring people," said Rep. Jim McPike, D-Alton, Illinois House member.

Davis was saddened by the closing of Duncan Foundry, the Owens-Illinois Glass Co. and the Standard Oil refinery in Wood River.

He broke my heart to see all those hard-working people lose their jobs," Davis said. "I was so helpless. There was nothing we could do to stop the plants from shutting down."

Davis fought for years to reopen the American Steel Foundry in Granite City.

"I'm retiring on a happy note," Davis said. "American Steel is opening again. And that means jobs and paychecks for thousands of people."

Davis was as much at ease in his office in St. Louis as he is talking to his neighbors on the street corner in Wood River.

"Buddy is as common as an old shoe," McPike said. "He's just as comfortable talking to the governor or chatting with a stranger at a coffee shop in Alton."

Davis never forgot his roots as a steelworker.

"I got my start as a laborer," Davis said. "I can never forget that. My heart will always be with the working man and woman."

— From the Alton Telegraph



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Benefit dance and auction — Dan Whiteside, OATH's program director, and Bertha Muir, OATH's education assistant, with some of the items donated for an auction March 13 to benefit the Organization for Advancement of The Handicapped. Some of the items to be auctioned include an autographed script from the Roseanne show, a belt from singer Suzy Bausch, an autographed photo of singer Charlie Daniels and a T-shirt from him. The country and western dance and auction is set for Saturday, March 13, at St. Gregory's Armenian Community Center, 10 Colonial Drive. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. A donation of \$15 per person will include chicken, beer and set-ups. The KIX-FM 104.5 band, Sidekick, will provide the music. All proceeds from the dance and auction will go to benefit OATH's sheltered workshop for the handicapped.

Neglected children in spotlight

New complaints may help meet problem

ALTON — The tragedy of neglected children and some well-publicized cases have made the subject alone a part of the popular vocabulary.

And the news may bear the seeds of a solution as people become more aware of the problem and report incidents to authorities, child abandonment say.

River Bend United Way Program Director Candy Runion said public attention may make the job a little easier for police officers and social workers dealing with child abandonment on a regular basis.

"It's not that these are happening more often; it's just that everybody's looking for it now," Runion said. "People are paying attention to it, and that may make people think twice before doing something like this."

She said her First Call for Help program could help more families if more concerned residents speak out.

"If someone's getting ready to leave her kids and think her neighbor is going to be catching her, might not do it," Runion said.

"It's like a few years ago, you didn't talk about incest but now people are talking about it."

Illinois Division of Children and Family Services is currently investigating two area child abandonment cases.

The most recent case involved a woman who left three children in the care of a friend Feb. 12.

The friend was arrested on suspicion of child abuse, that evening and the children, ages 9, 4 and 2, apparently remained home alone until the apartment building's owner discovered them Feb. 14.

Alton police officers also

discovered two children, ages 4 and 2, alone in a dangerous home Feb. 1. The only heat was from a space heater. No charges have been filed in either case but DCFS officials said they are investigating both families.

A Staunton couple was charged with neglect earlier this month after allegedly leaving four children and a grandchild alone.

In both of the two more cases, officials said the children were left in filthy homes with little food.

Children's Home and Aid Program supervisor Chris McFarlane said children in negligent parents often live in dangerous or unsanitary homes.

"We are at the point where the availability of medical care, adequate food and shelter and the safety of homes," McFarlane said. "Usually additional problems result from the other problems."

McFarlane said six of 16 Madison County cases handled by the society in the last six months involved inadequate supervision.

"We get everything from parents who are overwhelmed with responsibilities to drug-dependent parents where the drug takes precedent over the child," she said. "In some cases there are (parents) with developmental disabilities."

Although the recent cases involved low-income families, Runion said income is not always a factor.

"These cases apparently involve poor families but I think it's important for people to realize that it's not just poor people," Runion said. "Some of the worst stories we hear are not

poor families."

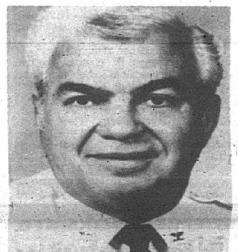
Runion said the recent nationalized case of a suburban Chicago couple who left two children alone while they vacationed proves child abandonment is not found exclusively in poor families.

"Cases like that are just blatant child abuse," she said.

"With poor families it's sometimes done out of desperation. You can't take your kids to a job interview."

Runion encourages families who need child-care assistance to contact First Call for Help at 467-2222 or the Children's Home and Aid Society, which also operates a child-care database to help parents find quality care. The number is (800) 467-9200.

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Bob Churchich

eral thousand dollars brought in at last week's annual fund-raiser in Bethalto. Of that \$20,179, he spent \$144,933, including the \$26,264 in payments to himself, records show.

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Opinion

Editorials

Cruse leaves big shoes

In 1988, Mayor Von Dee Cruse made an appointment to visit American Steel's headquarters in Chicago "just to say we're here to help if you need it. People thought it was a waste of time, but I said, 'What can it hurt? The foundry is already closed.'

Cruse asked American Steel to not write off Granite City. Cruse said that, if any obstacles to doing business in Granite City appeared insurmountable, American Steel should let him know and give him a chance to help.

American Steel was impressed with Cruse's sincerity and remembered what he had said when, about a year later, wastewater disposal appeared to be an obstacle to reopening its Granite City Works.

When American Steel approached Cruse, the mayor said he did not know anything about wastewater, but said he had an award-winning sewage treatment plant superintendent who did. Cruse loaned his superintendent to American Steel, the problem was solved and, in 1989, American Steel Foundries reopened its Granite City Works.

Although American Steel has been closed again since then, it is expected to be moving back toward full production — and an even bigger future for Cruse, leaves office in May.

An expanding American Steel Foundries is a fitting closing note for Cruse's time as mayor. At a time when factory closings have almost become "business as usual," Granite City has been able to hold its own because Cruse, his administration and the City Council have been willing to work with and for businesses.

Although Cruse did not know it at the time, the Aldi Food Store chain had already decided that opening a store here was not worth the hassles it was facing from some Granite City citizens. Cruse drove to the company's headquarters in Missouri to assure the company he wanted to see it open here. Because Cruse was "willing to take a day out of his schedule and drive out here for a personal visit," the company changed its mind and built the store.

Granite City was a nameless demographic area on a 10-year plan at Wal-Mart in 1988 when Cruse and the City Council mounted a letter-writing campaign to Wal-Mart. Cruse and several other community leaders drove to Bentonville, Ark., to deliver the nearly 15,000 collected letters. Cruse got the promise from Wal-Mart that, if it ever decided to build a store in the area, it would be in Granite City. The Wal-Mart store opened last year.

When PVO Foods started looking for a place to relocate its Edwardsville plant, Cruse started selling Granite City. He did such a good job that PVO Foods not only moved the Edwardsville operation here, but also its world headquarters.

During Cruse's time in office, Nippon Kokan and National Steel invested millions of dollars to build a second continuous caster at Granite City Steel, making it virtually the most modern steelmaking facility in the United States.

The plant has been several million-dollar expansions at the Northgate Industrial Park. The Madison County Transit District invested more than a million dollars downtown to build a bus terminal. Million-dollar expansions are proceeding at the Tri-City Regional Port District. St. Elizabeth Medical Center made a million-dollar expansion.

A new auto dealership park was built on Highway 3. Shoney's, McDonald's, QuickTrip, Jack-in-the-Box and a host of other businesses have opened in the city. When Wilbert Engelke told Cruse about his dream of building a professional-caliber golf course, Cruse asked, "Why not make it a reality?" The result was the Legacy Golf Course and residential community.

All of this has taken place during a time when other area communities have seen factories shutting down and shopping centers turning into ghost towns. Much of the credit goes to Cruse because he was willing to take personal political risks for the good of the city as a whole.

In many cases, Cruse had to face a large, hostile crowd opposing various projects at public hearings and City Council meetings. But Cruse didn't back down. He knew the number of people helped would eventually outnumber those protesters — and he did what was right rather than what was expedient.

The next mayor of Granite City will find he has large shoes to fill when it comes to attracting and keeping businesses — and jobs — in Granite City.

A hostile crowd may loom so large that at times it is easy to lose sight of the big picture. The next mayor must make sure that Cruse's positive approach continues and that Granite City remains attractive for economic activity and job growth.

Dixon unlikely to run for governor

By Robert Estill of Copley News Service

Eugene Callahan, longtime top aide and political adviser to former Gov. Alan Dixon, discourages speculation that Dixon may try a political comeback with a bid for the 1994 gubernatorial nomination.

Some have suggested that the Belleville Democrat, 65, a veteran of nearly 44 years in elective offices, would be the strongest contender against Republican Gov. Jim Edgar. But Callahan indicated Dixon is unlikely to make the race.

Callahan said he and Dixon were having lunch recently when a friend approached their table and told Dixon, "You really ought to run for governor." Dixon, Callahan said, shook his head negatively, chuckled and told the friend, "I think Roland Burris and Neil Hartigan are good candidates."

Burris, the attorney general and former state comptroller, already has said he intends to seek the nomination. Hartigan, a former attorney general and lieutenant governor who nearly beat Edgar in 1988, is expected to enter the race.

Other possible contenders for the nomination include State Comptroller Dawn Clark Netsch, State Treasurer Patrick Quinn, Cook County Board President Richard J. Phelan and Chicago lawyer Al Hartof.

Hofelz spent \$4.5 million in a bid to wrest the 1992 Senate nomination away from Dixon, but it was Carol Moseley Braun, the third contender in the primary, who got the brass ring.

Dixon is living in Belleville and is a member of the brass ring.

Along with what is assumed to be a hefty salary at the law firm, Dixon gets about \$70,000 a year in federal and state pensions.

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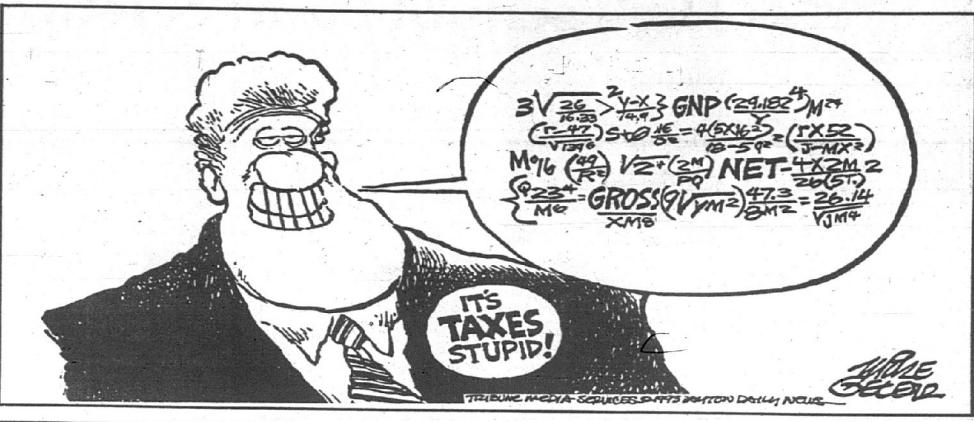
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Letters

Hasty tax plan won't cut deficit

TO THE EDITOR:

It is a noble feeling, indeed, to take part in a sacrifice which is deemed to be for the betterment of all.

To know that our excesses in life have been irresponsible and to face up to with the expectation of suffering a little (not too much, thank you) does the heart good, doesn't it?

But wait a minute. I'm not at all sure that I have lived life to excess. And when I figure up the tax load I am expected to pay, the counting gas tax, tax on goods and services, real estate tax, Social Security taxes, license fees, etc., I find my tax load to be around 50 percent of my wages.

If I figure on eating, driving, wearing clothes and living in a house, I find my share of my pay check getting smaller and smaller, and government's share enlarging.

Why our cost-of-living increases do not adequately fund the government's share is beyond me.

Then, if we look back to 1988, when we had a tax increase, the deal being that the government would cut the budget \$2 for every \$1 of increased revenue raised, we might remember that the economy faltered, we paid our taxes and the government forgot about the cuts.

Once burned ...

Then again in 1990 we had a 15-cent tax increase with an accompanying demand from Congress that in five years the debt would be cut by two-thirds.

Once again, we paid the taxes; this time the economy went into the toilet, and the government forgot about the cuts.

Twice burned.

I hope I am not the only one who remembers "Once burned, shame on you, twice burned, shame on me." There must be a reason, that the author of this article did not find it necessary to continue on with a line for thrice burned.

If I am being too vague, I am attempting to suggest that we need not see the proposals of the cuts on the table, we need not see these cuts fully enacted and these savings in the bank before we offer any of our money.

And not in the House Bank, thank you very much.

The check has been in the mail twice now. It evidently went through the infamous House Post office.

It is unfortunate, but our leaders cannot be trusted with the checkbooks.

If \$100 is expected in the Treasury, there will immediately be 10 congressmen, each busy writing \$20 checks on the account.

Congressional math is wonderful. The fact that we were taking a dent in the deficit in 1986 and 1987 was quickly overcome by our lawmakers. Spending has always been the problem with our economy; funding never has.

There is every possibility that if all our congressmen are in the government, our contributions would not even be needed. Doesn't anyone else feel that we are being fleeced?

With an energy tax being a very real possibility, we do not need to be sheared again.

And for the president to suggest that he has worked harder than he has ever worked in his life to come up with this proposal, must point out that he has led a very soft life.

If he were honest, he would have to admit that it would take three weeks to make an estimate of the time needed to find all the

waste in government. This proposal has been made in haste, with the gullibility of the public in mind.

PAUL MOHME
Collinsville

Good coverage

TO THE EDITOR:

Council 1088 of the Knights of Columbus wishes to thank the Press-Record/Journal for the wonderful publicity we received

the other day.

We appreciate the photos of the presentation of checks to the different organizations; derived from our Tootsie Roll drive.

Also, the publicity we received for the K of C free throw contest was outstanding. The write-ups we received for all of our doings were greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

RUDY HOPPEK
Publicity chairman,
K of C, Council 1088

Newer books are a school priority

TO THE EDITOR:

This is in response to recent articles concerning the use of outdated textbooks in the Granite City School District.

It is offered to make our residents aware of the facts concerning this issue and to assure them that this is a serious issue with teachers, administrators and school board members. We appreciate and share the concerns of parents and students in this district in regard to this issue.

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The replacement of these books was reviewed during the 1990-91 school year, with plans to implement the changes in the 1991-92 school year. Unfortunately, reductions were made in state funding and in the Textbook Loan Program and this replacement became financially impossible.

Replacement of these books alone will cost the district over \$160,000. Since this cost obviously has to come from existing revenues, this purchase can only be accomplished by cost reductions.

This reduction would, in all probability, have to come from staff cuts, resulting in a far greater negative impact on our educational process. That is a fact.

The truth is that Aldermen Hamm, Vrabec and Caffrey did not vote no on the motion to increase the dispatchers' pay, which would cost the city about \$5,000. This figure was presented to the council by the city controller. Now, here's the rest of the story.

The money to spend \$5,000 in pay, retroactively for the dispatchers, was questioned by

child now attends a parochial school in this area.

While we are aware that our parochial schools provide a very good education, not all parents can afford this alternative. This parent should also know that our district provides services that are not offered in parochial schools.

At the secondary level, our district offers services such as driver's education, vocational classes, and many extracurricular activities such as band and athletics.

In addition to these, elementary students are offered a variety of services including special education, speech, guidance and band.

While these services may not be of any importance to this parent, how many of our residents would support cutting these services to buy textbooks? Many of our students receive their college education through these avenues, which aren't available in many parochial schools.

I would like our residents to know that these efforts are being made toward updating all of our textbooks and that the Granite City School District will always strive to provide our children with the highest quality education possible.

STEVE BALEN
Superintendent of schools
Granite City District 9

Facts kept from three aldermen

TO THE EDITOR:

The following is in response to a letter to the editor titled "Madison city dispatchers' complex duties deserve extra pay on holidays."

(This is) clear case of being misinformed, not understanding the facts and/or receiving out-of-bounds and pieces of factual information causes rash responses and ill feelings. Hopefully, the following will help clarify the situation.

The truth is that Aldermen Hamm, Vrabec and Caffrey did not vote no on the motion to increase the dispatchers' pay, which would cost the city about \$5,000. This figure was presented to the council by the city controller. Now, here's the rest of the story.

The money to spend \$5,000 in pay, retroactively for the dispatchers, was questioned by

Alderman Vrabec on the council floor whereby Vrabec proposed to table the issue. Vrabec's request was voted down and the original motion was brought to a vote and was carried by the majority.

Vrabec's intent was to table the motion and refer the situation to the Finance Committee, since the council had no forewarning of the ordinance prior to the council meeting.

Plus, knowing that spending \$5,000 now is at a critical time when city finances were in jeopardy and eight city employees were laid off were in effect, may not be in the best interest of the city.

Much later, it was pointed out by Mike Myers, city editor of the Granite City Press-Record, that the actual overtime cost for the dispatchers was in the \$600 range.

This factual information was never brought to the City Council during council session.

So, there you have it. The aldermen concerned didn't know, or were not fully aware of our sources (i.e. (the letter writer) didn't have all the facts at hand when she submitted her comments to the press).

We all have previously supported the proposal to increase the dispatchers' pay. However, timing is the key in this issue. We were being told of significant financial problems resulting in the layoff of city employees.

It is unfortunate that this situation occurred, but the principal problem still exists. What is not given is all the facts, how can one make a sound decision? Normally, a prudent person would ask for clarification ... and that's exactly what happened.

We believe that our representatives of the people, will continue to be kept in the shadows as long as the current leadership is in office.

We believe that she is a concerned city employee and we give high praise to the entire dispatchers team for their dedication and positive influence upon the citizens of Madison.

We know that these are the facts as we know them. You, the reader, must make your own judgment of our decisions. We're sure that you would have acted in the same fashion as we (did), given the same circumstances.

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Valentine's Day sweet for seniors



Maxine Green

High school band celebrates 50th season

March 4 concert will be special event

By Bob Slaten
Staff writer

The Granite City High School concert band, under the direction of Dennis Meyer, has been invited to play a concert scheduled for its March 4 concert in the high school auditorium.

This is the band's 50th concert season.

The program includes Tchaikovsky's "Overture," Maillet's "Liturgical Music for Band," "Salvation Is Created" by Tschesnokoff, Heed's "In Storm and Sunshine," Verdi's "La Forza Del Destino," which will feature performances by alumnae "Bring Goldfinch in Concert" arranged by Scott, and concluding with Coward's "I'll See You Again."

"We're hoping to use this concert to make the people of Granite City aware that quality concerts have been given here for more than 50 years," Meyer said.

The concert series was initiated under longtime director Louis Meek in 1943.

"We had five concerts in the past, but only a couple a year, never as a series," Meek, now 84, said.

Meek served as band director for 37 years (1937-74). His love of music and desire to pass on his knowledge to a younger generation motivated him to devote his life to scholastic band music.

"I have a lot of fond memories. That first year, I had 100 students and there were no private lessons except for the ones I gave for free," Meek remembers.

Under Meek's direction, the high school band played its first half-time show at a Warrior football game in 1959. Sixteen instrumentalists, including Meek, who played a trumpet, performed at the game.

Ten more members were added to the band the next year, and the stage was set for the group to grow to a high of 158 members in 1957. There are 81 members today.

At school athletic events, it is



Members of the Warrior marching band participate in a May 1975 parade.

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Meek



Meyer



Todoroff



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not uncommon for 140 to 150 students to perform, including the band, pom poms, flag and rifle squads.

"A lot of people don't realize how much work goes into preparing for a football halftime show. The students put in 10 hours of rehearsal for every performance minute of the first

halftime show," Meyer said.

"After that first show, hopefully, all that is left is polishing..."

Among the innovations to the school district music curriculum introduced by Meek were a band program at three schools, a band school level, participation in interscholastic contests and a requirement that band students have an IQ (intelligence

quotient) of 110 or more.

"Mr. Meek had an almost

fanatical desire for perfection in his bands and that translated into a high level of excellence at Granite City High School," Meyer said.

History confirms Meyer's statement about Meek:

In 1958, the band was sent to

the state contest as a "new

band" and took first place. The following year, the band entered "Class A" competition and ranked second.

In 1940, the band took

third-place honors in national

contests, and in 1941, Granite City

set the stage for a series of

five straight first-place finishes

at the state level.

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YOUTH FOCUS Who is a hero to you and why?

(Asked of students at Madison Middle School, Venice Public School and Grigsby Junior High School.)

By Pam Doepke-Hurd.



Stephanie Pollard



Tifén Luster



Gleen Tipton



Miyai Holmes

hero. He was someone I could look up to."

Ryan Relleke, Grigsby
"Babe Ruth is my hero because he came from a poor family, but he didn't let that stand in his way. People made fun of him, but he never let it to his benefit to make him a great athlete. I respect him because he learned everything on his own without fancy coaching or set teams. Also he was good to children and shared his fame with them by making sure they had a better childhood than he did."

Stephanie Pollard, Madison
"My grandfather, Delmar Tipton, is my hero because he took the first John Deere tractor to Poplar Bluff, Mo."

Kate Jacobs, Grigsby
"My grandmother would be my hero. My sister would do anything for me. She has been a great sister to me. I would love to follow in her footsteps. Her name is Stephanie Ann Jacobs. She is the best. My sister is my hero."

Kindra Allen, Grigsby
"My grandfather is my hero. He taught me that if you worry all the time, your life will pass you by. When I was little, my grandpa took me out under the stars. He showed me the Big Dipper and constellations. He always tried to teach me things and help me with my homework when I don't understand it. We sometimes argue and fight, but we are still friends."

Andrew Onley, Grigsby
"My Uncle Mike is probably my hero. He's taught me to never give up. He was paralyzed and still farms and has a one-year-old boy. He's let's me still come over now. When I was little, he likes to go fishing. My uncle is one of the best heroes you could have."

Amanda Crabtree, Grigsby
"My mom is a hero to me for several reasons. She is always there when I need her. She

doesn't let me do everything I want, but she is strict when needed. My mother understands me, and she lets me know it. She congratulates me when I have done good and she comforts me when I haven't done so good. Overall, my mom is a hero in my eyes."

Stephanie Pollard, Madison
"My hero is my mama because she raised all four of us by herself and taught us to respect adults and keep a job."

Diamond Butler, Madison
"Mr. Alvin Collier, eighth grade teacher, is my hero because he is someone I can really look up to. He is someone I can really depend on."

Tifén Luster, Madison
"My mother because she stood by me through hard times."

Miyai Holmes, Madison
"Dr. Martin Luther King because he tried to help black people and also white people to learn how to be equal and learn how to live together and to appreciate each other, not by the skin color."

Scott Mills, Grigsby
"I look up to and admire Pele, 'master of soccer.' As a boy in Brazil he worked night and day to become the master of the game. He's a great role model to someone who's the best in the world."

Jacquita Watt, Venice
"My mother is my hero because she graduated high school on time even though she was three months' pregnant. She got out of her bed as soon as she got up. She got her self a job even though she was a single mother. She raised me and took care of me the best that she knew how. She is always accomplishing some-

thing new. She is always trying to do right by people without letting them run over her. She believes strongly in God and tries to help me understand God. She loves understanding and sometimes she's wrong. She isn't afraid to admit when she's wrong. She teaches me the facts of life plain and simple; she doesn't beat around the bush about things. She is my best friend. She tells me that she never told anyone and I can tell her things too. She takes up for her family and fights for what's right. She is fair and reasonable. She understands that I can't always do right and sometimes lets me off the hook. These are reasons and more why she is every woman to me."

Jaria Johnson, Venice
"My mother is my hero. She is a great woman whom I love very much. My mom is a woman who can spread her love to four children and love just the same. She makes friends that are just like her, loving and caring. She is my best friend. She is a nice person to be with and I want to be with her. My mother brings out the potential in me and sometimes it helps. My mother is a wonderful lady and one day I hope that she is going to be the mother of my children. When my sister was going to work, my mother was there. When we were in the church play, she

was there. She is always trying to do right by people without letting them run over her. She believes strongly in God and tries to help me understand God. She loves understanding and sometimes she's wrong. She isn't afraid to admit when she's wrong. She teaches me the facts of life plain and simple; she doesn't beat around the bush about things. She is my best friend. She tells me that she never told anyone and I can tell her things too. She takes up for her family and fights for what's right. She is fair and reasonable. She understands that I can't always do right and sometimes lets me off the hook. These are reasons and more why she is every woman to me."

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Edgar plan would speed road repairs

Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar recently unveiled a proposal to speed up repairs on the nation's highway system and to stimulate the economy with the 126,000 new private sector jobs that will be created.

Edgar presented his proposal to the National Governor's Association (NGA) at its annual winter meeting. It was adopted by the NGA's Committee on Economic Development and Commerce, which Edgar chairs.

The proposal, titled Preventive Action to Repair and Restore (PARR), calls for fully funding the highway program for the current federal fiscal year, broadening the eligibility for use of the funds and expediting the process for federal approval.

The PARR program reflects the essential linkage between a sound transportation infrastructure and a healthy economy. Equally important, the program can be implemented immediately to create jobs without requiring additional taxes," Edgar said.

The PARR program will give the states an additional \$3 billion in highway funds during the current federal fiscal year, which ends September 30, 1993. This represents the shift between the amount authorized in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and the amount that was subsequent-

ly appropriated. "This money has been sitting in the Highway Trust Fund unused, when it could be used to generate 126,000 new jobs nationwide," said Edgar. "It's in the construction industry and half in other sectors of the economy — and to set economic development efforts in motion that can actually reduce the federal deficit," Edgar said.

By broadening the eligibility for the use of the additional funds, the states could use the \$3 billion for a wider variety of projects.

"The states have the ability to get projects ready, and then will give them the tools they need to get the economy moving forward quickly," Edgar said.

Examples are single layer resurfacing and simple resurfacing for projects that do not involve high accident locations or require comprehensive environmental assessments. States could also use the PARR funds for mass transit capital projects.

The Governor noted that an important benefit of doing more simple resurfacing is that it can prolong pavement and prevent more costly repairs.

Other features of the PARR program include giving the states the option to do the 20-percent non-federal match with flexible terms for paying back the match in the future.

Tax donations go to Alzheimer's research

For the eighth straight year, Illinois taxpayers can contribute to Alzheimer's disease research through their 1992 state income tax returns, said Dr. John R. Lumpkin, state health director.

Anyone filing a state income tax form can donate to the Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund, which is administered by the department.

Taxpayers can make a tax-deductible contribution of \$1 or more to the Alzheimer's fund by indicating an amount on line 15c of the state income tax form. The amount pledged will either be deducted from any refund due or be added to the amount owed.

"We ask that taxpayers once again consider this worthy cause as they prepare their state income tax returns," Lumpkin said.

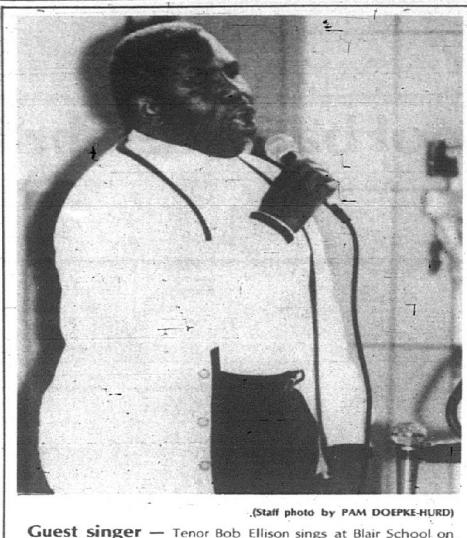
"Each contribution to this fund will assist Illinois scientists in their search for more effective ways to diagnose and treat this debilitating and deadly disease

that afflicts more than 200,000 persons in our state."

More than \$1 million has been contributed to the Alzheimer's fund over the past seven years. The past year, the amount increased to \$1.1 million, reflecting increased contributions by the 26-member Alzheimer's Disease Act Advisory Committee.

Alzheimer's is an incurable, neurological, age-related disorder that deteriorates the mental faculties and impairs thinking and behavior.

Early symptoms include memory loss, shortened attention span and a decrease in learning ability. The cause is unknown and, currently, no vaccine or



Guest singer — Tenor Bob Ellison sings at Blair School on Feb. 19 as part of a Black History Month program held at the school.

(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

• FOCUS •

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was there. When I was in a car accident, she gave me all the love she could give me. When I had to get stitches over my eye, she was there. When I had to be rushed to the hospital, she was there. She always tries to get what you need to make it through the day. She puts clothes on my back and shoes on our feet and food in our stomach. She talks about her father and grandmother, goes over to their house to take care of them and I think that's a lot of work."

Angel King, Grigsby

"My heroes are all of my teachers. They have had a lot to give. They are heroes to me because they have dedicated themselves to teach their students the skills they need for a job. These skills will give me an opportunity for a better future. Teachers not only teach school work but also with any problems I may have such as family problems or social problems. Sometimes I get selfish and don't want to learn, but they are there to teach me, and I know it will work out for my benefit. I admire teachers greatly for all they put up with. I feel we should give them a big thank you. I sometimes think we don't deserve homework, but the teachers give us homework to help us learn. I would like to thank all of my teachers for their influence in my life."

Jeremy Gutierrez, Grigsby
"My hero is Maurice Richard. He is my hero because we both

play hockey. I like him because he never gave up. He always played with a fighting spirit. Maurice got a chance to try out for the Montreal Canadiens. He made the team and got the chance to play for his team. Toe Blake. Maurice was so fast he got the nickname "Rocket Richard." One year Maurice got 50 goals in 50 games. Only four other players in his class did that. He played half that season with a hurt knee. Maurice also set other milestones. One of his most famous was when he scored 500 goals. Maurice was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. Maurice was a great hockey player and will be remembered always."

Anthony Williams, Venice

"My hero is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because if it wasn't for him, black people would not be free today. With the help of others, Dr. King became a big success in history. But as always, he couldn't do it by himself. He fought for all blacks to be free so that white and black could go to the same school, eat together, sleep together and drive the same water. Dr. Martin Luther King had a dream that all people would be created equal. Not just black, but black, blue, purple or green. He had a dream that black and white would stand hand in hand someday. He traveled all over the world preaching the gospel, telling people how he felt about the way blacks were treated."

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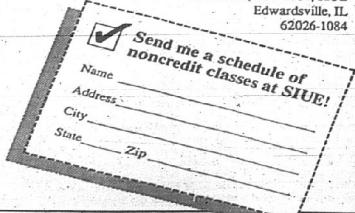
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Band director Robert Todoroff leads the Granite City High School North band in 1974.



Members of the Band Parents Association at Granite City High School make alterations to band uniforms over the summer of 1969 for new and growing band members.

• Band

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"We quit going to state after 1946 because there just wasn't a kick in it any more," Meek said.

That was when he and several animal friends for the band, which has since traveled to such places as Washington, D.C., and Orlando, Fla.

Other high school band directors over the years have included Robert Todoroff, Todoroff left High School North, which existed from 1973 to 1985, Terry Wafer, who took over from Meek in 1974, and Joe Owens, who became assistant director in 1968

and currently teaches at the junior high school level.

Tickets for the Thursday, March 4, concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will be available at

the door. The cost is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students and children.

Season tickets will be honored for the performance.



Members of the Granite City High School band practice in the band room in 1970.

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By RICK REED
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In this matter, a woman was hospitalized for surgery. She was placed on an operating room table, and an independently employed nurse knocked over an IV pole with a glass bottle attached. The bottle landed on the woman's mouth and caused dental injuries. The victim sued the hospital and alleged negligence on its part in using a glass IV bottle rather than a soft plastic bag.

The hospital attempted to have the case dismissed on the ground that the use of the glass IV bottle was not a "proximate cause".

of the plaintiff's injuries. The hospital argued that the independently employed nurse was an "intervening cause." It felt the independent act of the nurse in knocking over the pole was the proximate cause of the injury rather than any negligence which could be attributed to the hospital.

The Court agreed with the hospital's position and granted a summary judgment in favor of the medical facility. The Appellate Court affirmed the decision of the trial court, and noted that the proximate cause was the independent act of the nurse rather than the hospital's use of the glass bottle. The Court went on to state that even if the hospital were negligent here, its negligence in using a glass bottle rather than a plastic bag merely furnished a condition which made the injury possible. It was the independent act of the nurse in knocking over the pole which was the "proximate cause" of the injury. Thus, there was no liability on the part of the hospital.

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Obituaries



Shirley Brewner

Shirley Mae (Gentry) Brewner, 55, of Granite City, formerly of Edwardsville, died at 2:38 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 1993, at her home. She had been ill for seven months.

Born in Tuckerman, Ariz., on July 16, 1937, she had been a resident of Granite City for 39 years and was an electrician for McDonnell Aircraft.

She was the Lutheran faith. A member and three-time president of VFW Post 113 Auxiliary, she was past president District 12.

Survivors include her son, Ira E. Brewner, Sr., whom she married Oct. 16, 1954, in Edwardsville; two daughters, Sherri D. Reves of San Francisco and Sandra M. Throckmorton of Granite City; a son, Ira E. Brewner, Jr.; three brothers, Charles LaBarge and Tommy LaBarge, both of St. Charles, Mo., and Roy Pritchard of Arizona; four sisters, Pauline Heitman of Newhert and Rosann Hoffmeister, all of St. Charles, and Linda Land of Michigan; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James L. and Rose (Walker) Gentry.

Yester family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., Granite City, where a VFW Auxiliary service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, with a eulogy following at 3:30 p.m. As she requested, her remains were cremated.

Memorials are suggested for the family.

Frank A. Lindsay

Frank A. Lindsay, 89, of Pontoon Beach died at 10:40 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, where he had been a patient for 10 weeks.

Born in Stewart County, Tenn., he had been a resident of Pontoon Beach for 17 years. He was employed for 50 years as a mechanical foreman at General Steel Industries, retiring in 1965, and also worked as a teller for a Granite City bank for 12 years. He was a member of Pontoon Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes (Hart) Lindsay; two daughters, Nigle Lindberg of Marietta, Ga., and Nina Rae Howison of Fulton, Mo.; one son, Walter Specio of Sparta, Ill.; two sisters, Irene Eaves of Clarksville, Tenn.; two brothers, W. J. Lindsay of Dover and Benard Lindsay of Madison; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Moses and Mary Elizabeth (Rader) Lindsay.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Friday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3393 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the Rev. Ed Hart officiating. Burial will be at Short Cemetery, Cottage Hills.

Memorials are suggested for the Pontoon Baptist Church Building Fund.

Trivia

Granite City Steel, a division of National Steel, employs approximately 2,300 hourly steelworkers and approximately 600 salaried employees.



Barbara Archer

Barbara J. (Meeder) Archer, 67, of Granite City died at 11 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been ill for one week.

Born in Potterville, Mich., on Aug. 21, 1925, she had resided in Granite City for 41 years. For 25 years, she was a beautician at Barbara's Style Salon. She was of Protestant faith and a lifetime member of Eastern Star Chapter 413.

Survivors include three daughters, Kristin Ann Nicholson, Kera Gae Wilkinson and Kayla Jen Hutchings, all of Granite City; two sons, Eric Jon Archer and Kyle Meeder, both of Granite City; a sister, Ann Burley of Naples, Fla.; two brothers, Jack Meeder of Mancelona, Mich., and John Meeder of Bellaire, Mich.; her stepmother, Vivian Meeder of Bellaire, Mich.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Mabel (Heath) Meeder, and a brother, Richard Meeder.

Yester family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave., Granite City, where a VFW Auxiliary service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, with a eulogy following at 3:30 p.m. As she requested, her remains were cremated.

Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Irene Orrick

Irene G. (Hart) (James) Orrick, 89, of Granite City, formerly of California and of O'Fallon, Mo., died at 3:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient since Feb. 15. She had been ill since late January.

Born in Mill Spring, Mo., on July 5, 1904, she had resided in Granite City since 1922. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her daughter, Gladys (Hart) of Burbank, Calif.; a sister, Alton (Hart) of Piedmont, Mo.; two brothers, Belva James of Cabool, Mo., and Charles Lee James of Rancho Kookamonga, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Orrick; her parents, Charlie and Elizabeth (Davis) James; one sister and one brother.

Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Irwin Chapel, 3360 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, with the Rev. Leon Bell officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested for the church or charity of the donor's choice.

Lula Riddle

Lula E. (Taylor) Riddle, 25, of Madison died at 6:58 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 1993, at CollingsCare Center, where she had been a patient since Feb. 18.

Born on Feb. 18, 1968, she was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her son, Arthur Douglas, who died Jan. 13, 1992.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

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Edwardsville set for rush of annexation applications

A rush of applicants seeking fire protection from Edwardsville is expected with an annexation offer for residents dropped by the Pin Oak Fire District.

Cheryl Porter, the city's assistant director of development administration, said the proposal is important. Property owners who sign up before June 1 will be able to summon firefighters by dialing 911. After that, they will have to dial the Edwardsville department directly.

Also, petitioners whose properties are contiguous to the city but do not want to do so under court order.

That would prevent holdouts from blocking efforts to annex neighboring property that isn't contiguous to the city. State law prohibits municipalities from annexing land that is not contiguous.

In December, Madison County 41 Coordinator Dave Whipple notified about 600 residents in unincorporated areas they were not in a fire protection district.

Many of the homeowners are on the outskirts of Edwardsville and had been covered by the Pin Oak Fire District.

Should they call firefighters to their homes, the residents would be billed \$1,600 for every fire or emergency call. Help may or may not arrive, either, as Edwardsville is not required to respond to out-of-town calls.

The City Council approved Tuesday annexation of three more properties northeast of the city. All the property owners once had fire protection from Pin Oak.

The land of Frank S. Wolf of the 1100 block of Illinois Avenue was annexed, and that allowed Theodore J. Hoppe of the 200 block of Wyandotte Street to become contiguous and be annexed. A third neighbor, Mrs. B. B. Bantle, also of the 200 block of Wyandotte Street, was voted in as well.

— from the Alton Telegraph

Hospice offers series of programs on grief

Hospice of Madison County, a department of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, is offering its "Bridges" grief workshop on three consecutive Wednesdays, March 3, 10 and 17, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The workshop will be held in the Hospice office located on the fifth floor of the Doctors Wing of the medical center, 2100 Madison Ave.

The workshop is open to anyone who has lost a loved one during the past year. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required by Feb. 26.

Group facilitators are Melba Boyd, MSW, and Nancy Kaprelian, Hospice bereavement coordinators. To register, persons may call the Hospice office at 798-3399.

"Bridges" offers intensive grief support and education to individuals who have suffered losses of loved ones in the past year. Participants share their grief with others who have experienced similar losses of spouses, children, parents, friends and others. Participants will learn how to cope with their grief and to readjust their lives.

The workshop is open to the public as well as to Hospice of Madison County family members.

Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

ANGLE, Ellis F. "Hank," 35, of Granite City died at 11:01 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 1993, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

BANKS, Albert Jr., 49, of Madison died Friday, Feb. 19, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday at Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

BERGER, Theresa V. (Llewellyn), 88, of Belleville, formerly of Granite City, died at 10:25 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 1993, at Memorial Hospital, Granite City. Services were held Wednesday at Officer Funeral Home, East St. Louis. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery, St. Louis.

BERRY, Ruby Pearl, 45, of Granite City died Monday, Feb. 15, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. Her survivors include sisters, Dorese Anderson and Mitchell Pierce, and her mother, Louise Anderson. Visitation was held Friday at Irwin Chapel and services were held Saturday at New Salem Baptist Church, Venice, the Rev. John Williams officiating. Burial was at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Arrangements were by Nash Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

COOKE, Marian Lee (Stanton), 64, of Granite City died at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 1993, at her home. Visitation was Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, 3360 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 2200 Grand Ave., Granite City, by the Rev. William Davis. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery, Jonesboro, Ill. Memorials are by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

HALEY, Ronald E. "Harley," 35, of Granite City was pronounced dead at 12:43 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1993, at St. Mary's Hospital emergency room in East St. Louis. Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Doug Rose. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to First Assembly of God Church Building Fund or Missions Fund.

HARBISON, Eva "Dean" (Pogue), 65, of Granite City died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

HAYES, Shirley Mae (Gerkin), 73, of Granite City, formerly of Mitchell, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Visitation was Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Services were held Wednesday at Grace Baptist Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Ben Leonard. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

KLUK, Edna Mae (Gerkin), 73, of Granite City, formerly of Mitchell, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

MOOREHEAD, Chester O., 80, of East St. Louis was pronounced dead at 1:18 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1993, at home. Services were held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Bill Holbrook. Burial was at Bellwood Cemetery, East St. Louis.

PELLEPEPPER, James Taylor, 65, of Big Sandy, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993, at his home. Services were held Feb. 18 at First Baptist Church, Big Sandy, by the Rev. Bill Holbrook. Burial was at Bellwood Cemetery, East St. Louis.

DUNAHEE, Jessie Artie (Miller), 70, of Collinsville died Thursday, Feb. 18, 1993, at her home. Services were held Saturday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Robert Haslam. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Collinsville.

DAYTON, Chester O., 80, of Granite City died at 3:38 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 1993, at Wood River Township Hospital. A memorial service is to be held at Ellas-Smith Funeral Home, Godfrey, 465-3571.

SHANKEL, James, 73, of Granite City, formerly of Mitchell, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

WATTS, Barbara (Lane), 53, of Granite City, died at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Visitation was Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, where services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Milton Roe. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

WILLIAMS, Charles Williard Sr., 68, of Belleville died at 10:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 1993, at Castleville Nursing Center, Swansea. Memorial services were held Monday at Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Belleville, by the Rev. Jan Hensel. Services were held by Kasson Colonial Mortuary, Belleville, by the Rev. Thomas Wise. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, 660 S. Euclid, St. Louis, Mo. 63110-1093.

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FRAZIER, Ruth M. (Puhse), 88, of Granite City died at 2:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. As she requested, her remains were cremated. There will be private graveside services at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon, by the Rev. Rose Hermonat officiating. Arrangements are by Davis Funeral Home, Granite City, Memorial to St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ, Granite City.

GERINGER, Lottie E. (Stiers), 83, of Granite City died Thursday, Feb. 18, 1993, at Rosewood Care Center, Alton. Services were held Monday at The Mortuary, Granite City.

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Barry Schroeder, left, a 6th grade teacher, with Geography Bee finalists, from left, Julie Heaton, runner-up, and Brian Davis, winner, and Kathy McBride, principal.

Davis wins geography bee

Brian Davis, a sixth-grade student at Wilson Elementary school, won the school-level competition in the National Geography Bee on Jan. 14 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was won in the round in the fifth annual National Geography Bee, sponsored by *National Geographic World*, the Society's magazine for children, and by Amtrak.

The cutoff for this year's bee was the week of Jan. 4, with thousands of schools around the United States, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories participating.

The winners, including Brian, will now take a written test, up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state bee April 10.

The National Geographic Society, with its co-sponsors will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and their teacher escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 25 and 26.

The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship; the second-place finisher, a \$15,000 scholarship; and the third-place entrant, a

\$10,000 scholarship.

The National Geographic Society, with nearly 10 million members, has as its mission the "increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge."

In addition to the bee, the Society sponsors a number of other geography education initiatives, including the Summer Geography Camps, teams for the National Geographic Society Education Foundation, and the Geographic Alliance Network, which is currently working in almost every state and in Puerto Rico.

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Military

Steven Huffstutter

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven L. Huffstutter, son of Gale L. and Cheryl L. Huffstutter of Granite City, is currently aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, homeported in San Diego and midway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf as part of the aircraft carrier USS Ranger Battle Group.

Most recently, the USS Ranger arrived off the coast of Somalia to support the Operation Restore Hope relief effort. The fact that the USS Ranger battle group was already forward-deployed to the Persian Gulf allowed it to be ordered to Somalia on short notice. This operation is a textbook example of the mobility, flexibility and capability of a forward-deployed Navy—Marine Corps team.

Elements of the battle group have participated in several joint exercises, including training with Russian naval forces in the Persian Gulf. Additionally, elements of the battle group are conducting operations in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch, which enforces a no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

Huffstutter has visited ports in Yokosuka, Japan; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; and Pusan, Korea.

While in Pusan, more than 100 shipmates volunteered their time to repair an orphanage and to hand out Project Handclasp materials, including bandages, toothpaste and soap. Project Handclasp

is a Navy-wide program to distribute donated goods to lesser developed countries. Also, the ship's medical and dental personnel provided check-ups for the orphans there.

The 1988 graduate of Granite City Senior High School joined the navy in September 1989.

Raymond Grieve

Master Sergeant Raymond A. Grieve has graduated from the ground radio communications specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.

Course graduates learned to install and maintain high-powered

ground communications equipment, including transmitters, single and multichannel receivers, transceivers and recorders.

Grieve is the son of Robert L. and Lenora Grieve of Madison.

He is a 1969 graduate of Marquette High School.

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Sports

Senators stop Warriors' bid for state

Matmen conclude year with sectional title loss

By Tony Panozzo

Staff writer

After clearing its first hurdle Tuesday night, the Granite City Matmen team collided into top-heavy Springfield, 27-24, in the Granite City Class AA Team Sectional title match.

Springfield, which advanced to Saturday's state team tournament in Normal, came back from a 21-19 deficit on the strength of performances from its upper-weight wrestlers and clinched the dual with a win in the 275-pound weight class. The Senators ended Granite City's streak of 21 straight dual wins this year and will appear at state as a team for the first time.

Granite City, aiming for its second straight appearance at state, finished 27-20 after defeating Carbondale 33-20 in a preliminary dual. Springfield, now 22-1, got to the title match with a 28-19 win over Edwardsville.

"It feels great," Springfield coach Bob Nesbit said. "It's the first time we've come out of the regional and got this far."

After losing the first two of six matches to Granite City, Springfield rallied and won six of the next seven. The match came down to the heavyweight bout between Granite City freshman Chris Jolley and Springfield senior Howard Peters. Peters scored on a reversal and two back points to win 4-0.

"He wrestled very smart," Nesbit said. "I thought the match would be close enough to where it would come down to

heavyweight." Granite City coach Mike Garland agreed, although he was hoping for a different outcome. Garland was expecting his team to have a greater lead than it did in the lower weights, a Warrior trademark.

But the Warriors suffered two losses by fall in the upper weights and took an unexpected loss at 125, when Springfield's Tory Clay scored a late take-down and defeated Granite City's T.J. Slay 4-3. Both had competed at last weekend's individual state tournament.

"We knew we were in trouble after that match," Clay said. "We knew we had to pick up somewhere along the way. I'm not blaming T.J., he just didn't wrestle very smart. Clay's a good young wrestler."

"The big difference in this match was we got pinned twice and that hasn't happened all year. That's what really sealed our fate. It finally caught up with us."

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(Staff photo by MARK VON BROCK)
Warrior wrestler T.J. Slay battled his headgear as well as his opponent in his win over Palos Hills Stagg's Dave Hoenig at Saturday's individual state tournament.

Preliminary win sends matmen to title match

By Tony Panozzo

Staff writer

Luck appeared to be going Granite City's way Tuesday night when the Warriors defeated the Terriers, 17-3, in the first meet of the year, but the Terriers were with

over Carbondale.

The Terriers, who finished the year 17-3, bowed to the Warriors for the second time this season. Granite City defeated Carbondale in the first meet of the year, but the Terriers were with

on Tuesday. Carbondale beat the senior state qualifier Jesse Thornton, 20-4, and fourth at the individual state tournament last weekend after missing most of the season because of ineligibility. A

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Althoff picks ex-Lady Warrior coach to head soccer program



Haig Nighohossian
New Althoff girls coach

By Scott Marion

Staff writer

It's official — Althoff High School is starting a girls soccer program.

Head coach Haig Nighohossian, a former assistant to Jim Schmitz, was introduced in a press conference Monday at the school. The Crusaders will play a 12-14-game varsity schedule this spring, with practice starting March 8.

"WE HAVE TWO very knowledgeable individuals who are coming together to start the program here at Althoff," said athletic director Glenn Schott. "We have no idea how many girls will try out. It's a trial-and-error thing."

"For several years, there had been some interest expressed (in girls soccer) by people both in the Belleville area and the Collinsville area. They have agreed to subsidize the program for three years."

"I'm anxious to see what this

does to our other programs in the spring."

Nighohossian, 46, is a Granite City native and has spent the past eight seasons as an assistant coach at Granite City High School. Along with former coach Mike Vellotto, he helped start the Lady Warriors' soccer program.

NIGHOHOSIAN WAS AN assistant the past five years to George Baker, who has won nine state titles as the boys coach at Granite City.

"Granite had some (athletic budget) cutbacks last year that went into effect this school year," said Nighohossian, who teaches chemistry at East St. Louis Senior High School. "They had to let go of one coach in football and soccer, and I was the soccer coach."

Nighohossian's soccer background goes four years as a player at MacMurray College in Jacksonville. Granite City had not yet started boys soccer when

he graduated from high school. He is also a soccer official.

Schwab, 40, has been a soccer coach for 12 years, mostly at St. Clare Grade School in O'Fallon. He also spent one season as an assistant coach at St. Clare. At Voelzinger at O'Fallon High School, His teams at St. Clare have a 73-0-3 record over the past six seasons.

"I'VE ALWAYS WANTED to coach girls at a higher level," said Schwab, who lives in O'Fallon. "My son is transferring to Althoff (as a freshman) in the fall."

Schwab works for St. Clair County regional superintendent of schools Martha O'Malley. He is an instructor in the youth division of the county's youth center.

"I make the rounds at all 13 high schools in St. Clair County," Schwab said. "I made a presentation at Althoff two weeks ago and got to meet some of the girls there."

Nighohossian and Schwab held

a meeting Monday at Althoff, and 26 girls expressed an interest in playing. At this point, it is uncertain if there will be a junior varsity team.

"AFTER THE FIRST two weeks of practice, we have a good idea of where we stand," Nighohossian said. "If we can get 24 girls out for the team, we may be able to play some JV games."

Althoff becomes the 11th Metro East school to offer girls soccer, joining Collinsville, Granite City, Alton, Metro East Lutheran, Wood River, O'Fallon, Roxana, Cahokia, Belthale and Alton Marquette. Other potential opponents are Jacksonville, several Springfield schools and a number of county schools.

"We want to be out and be competitive, play a good, sound game and understand the fundamentals," Nighohossian said.

"One of our main goals is to stabilize the program and make

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Red Devils upset Althoff, advance to regional final

By Tony Panozzo

Staff writer

The Venice Red Devils turned in the kind of performance coach Clinton Harris had been looking for all year, when they upset top-seeded Althoff 53-50 Wednesday night at the Wescalin Class A Regional.

Unfortunately, Harris was not there to see it. After guiding the Red Devils to a 61-53 comeback win over Wescalin on Monday night, Harris traveled to South Carolina to attend a relative's funeral.

With assistant coach Chuck Mosbey in charge, the Red Devils edged the Crusaders and advanced to Friday's regional title game, where they will meet the winner of tonight's game between Madison and Leavenworth.

The Trojans will play the Greyhounds at 7:30 p.m.

The Red Devils, who led the Crusaders 20-19 at halftime, employed patience on offense and hard work on defense to earn the victory. Mosby got the most out of Venice's six-player rotation.

Venice won for the second time in a row and improved to 10-15. Althoff, which made it into the Class A state rankings this year, finished 16-10.

"It's a big win, but what's important is we won together,"

VENICE 53, Althoff 50						
	2pt	3pt	FT	Pts		
Burnett	2	0	0	15		
Jermaine Ware	1	0	0	14		
Chris Murray	1	0	0	13		
Orlando Porter	4	1	0	13		
Wilbert Glasper	2	0	0	12		
Muro Credict	1	0	0	4		
Totals	20	4	7	53		
Opponents	2pt	3pt	FT	Pts		
Matt Fitzsimmons 51619	1	0	0	17		
Chris Murray	1	2	0	10		
Shawn Brown	1	0	0	9		
Ryan Clegg	1	0	0	6		
Muro Credict	1	0	0	5		
Totals	15	3	11	50		
Althoff	13	10	11	50		

Rebounds — Venice 21 (Ware 5, Burnett 5, Fitzsimmons 4, Wiley 4, Glasper 2, Althoff 2, Murray 2).

Mosby said, "I'm proud. It was a team effort. We ran our offense more than we usually do, and everybody contributed."

"There is for Coach Harris, the school, and the community."

The Red Devils are back in the regional title game for the first time in two years. A meeting with Madison is a distinct possibility, because the Trojans own a win over Leavenworth earlier this season.

The Red Devils began pulling away from Althoff midway through the fourth quarter, but had to survive a late rally by the Crusaders to seal the win. With three minutes left,

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(Staff photo by T.W. MILLER)
Venice senior guard Cedric Wiley extended his high-school career Wednesday night by leading the Red Devils to a regional win.

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Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 25
BOYS BASKETBALL: Granite City vs. Leavenworth, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26
BOYS BASKETBALL: Granite City at Madison, 6:30 p.m.; Vicksburg vs. Madison, 7:30 p.m. HOCKEY: Madison vs. Granite City at Granite City, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27
HOCKEY: Mid-States Class Hockey Association semifinals, Granite City vs. Eureka at Alton, 8:30 p.m.

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

Large Schools	
1. De Soto (1)	22-3
2. East St. Louis (2)	22-3
3. Granite City West (4)	21-1
4. Vandalia (3)	17-5
5. Riverdale Gardens (5)	16-6
6. DeSmet (6)	20-4
7. Roosevelt (7)	19-3
8. Alton (8)	18-6
9. Edwardsville (9)	18-5
10. Collinsville (8)	17-7
Others receiving votes: Chaminade, Hazelwood Central	

Small Schools	
1. Jennings (1)	20-3
2. Troy (2)	20-3
3. Pleasant (3)	19-4
4. Cardinal Ritter (4)	16-9
5. Red Bud (5)	20-5
6. Gibault (6)	18-7
7. Alton North (7)	12-10
8. MADISON (8)	12-10
9. Whittier (9)	13-10
10. Hancock (10)	16-6
Others receiving votes: Duchesne, Berkeley, Althoff, Rosary, Lutheran South	

Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

Large Schools	
1. St. Joseph (1)	21-0
2. House Springs (2)	20-3
3. Francis Howell (3)	21-1
4. Francis Howell North (3)	18-5
5. Cor Jesu (5)	18-5
6. Lincoln (6)	21-5
7. Pleasant (7)	17-6
8. Merix Hall (8)	17-6
9. Hazelwood Central (NR)	14-8
10. East St. Louis (9)	12-6
Others receiving votes: GRANITE CITY, Normandy, O'Fallon	

Journal Writers' Poll Wrestling

Week of Feb. 19-26	
1. GRANITE CITY (2)	59
2. Hazelwood East (3)	55
3. Francis Howell (1)	46
4. Oakville (5)	42
5. McCluer North (4)	32
6. Parkway Central (7)	28
7. Francis Howell North (8)	14
8. Fox (6)	19
9. Wentzville (10)	16
10. Lafayette (NR)	5
Also receiving votes: Cahokia	

Park District Briefs

Baseball, softball sign-ups going on

The Granite City High School basketball team will head into regional play with some extra momentum Friday night, when it travels to Belleville West for its final Southwestern Conference game of the year.

The Warriors (7-15) will take on the 14-4 Greyhounds when they come off Tuesday's 69-65 loss to Edwardsville. The Warriors played well last weekend in gaining a win over Alton and losing 69-67 to Chatham Glenwood.

The season is winding down, and Granite City coach John Van Buskirk would like to see the Warriors go into next Wednesday's regional game at Edwardsville with a win behind them.

"We're playing pretty well right now," Van Buskirk said. "But we still have to prove to ourselves that we can beat a good team. That's still a question mark."

"No. 1 is Belleville West. We're going to try to get another conference win. That's what is the most important to us. After that, we'll worry about Edwardsville."

Granite City is coming off one of its better weekends of the year. On Friday, the Warriors picked up their second conference win by defeating Alton 64-60. The following night, the Warriors pushed Chatham Glenwood to the limit before losing by two points.

Young adult boys and girls are needed as well as adults. Anyone interested will be taught the rules and mechanics to become an umpire. The meeting is free.

Umpires needed for youth games

The Granite City Park District needs baseball and softball umpires for youth games this summer at Wilson Park. A meeting will be held Tuesday at the Granite City Recreation Center for these interested.



St. Joseph's junior guard Mollie Peirick, the *Journal* Athlete of the Month for January, is averaging over five assists and 16 points per game for the undefeated Angels.

Park District Briefs

Park board approves new age requirements

The Granite City Park District Board of Commissioners recently voted to make changes pertaining to the age requirements for boys in the Atom I baseball program and girls in the Atom ponytail softball program.

The park board approved a rule recommended by the baseball/ponytail softball committee and protest committee. The reason for the change is to allow boys and girls play against others who are in the same grade of

school. The old rule required children to be born in the same calendar year, which conflicts with the age requirements used in school districts.

For the year 1994, all boys and girls who start playing organized ball in the district must be born between Sept. 1, 1985, and Aug. 31, 1986.

The same rule will apply for 1993 this season with one exception. The rule for this year shall read: Boys and girls born

between Sept. 1, 1984, and Dec. 31, 1985, shall be able to participate in the Atom I Division of baseball and ponytail softball.

The rule covers the children born in September through December who would be excluded if the new rule were to go into effect this year. Those born in that period will not be allowed to move down next year, but will continue to play in the division in which they began.

Park district softball leagues open for re-entry, new teams

The Granite City Park District is accepting entry fees for returning teams in the Men's, Women's and Church softball leagues. The entry fee is \$200 per team.

Anyone wishing to place a new team in the park district leagues should go to the Wilson Park office and register. New teams will be placed on a waiting list.

All returning teams should

register, even if they cannot pay the entry fee at this time. There may be limited openings.

For more information, call Ray Hoffman at 677-3059.

Co-ed softball, youth league registration being accepted outside the park district.

Registration is also being taken for youth baseball and softball leagues wishing to participate.

The entry fee of \$170 is being accepted at the Wilson Park

baseball and softball fields.

The park district is forming a new co-ed softball league to be played on Tuesday nights at Wilson Park. The league will begin April 27, 1993, with half a 12-game schedule plus playoffs.

The fees for the league are \$200 plus \$20 per person living

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Social Security tax rules vary when hiring household help

By Bill Hunot

Social Security Administration

If you hire a baby sitter or other household help, here are some frequently asked questions about Social Security taxes and domestic help.

Q. When do I have to pay Social Security taxes on someone I hire to work around my home?

A. Domestic employees (baby sitter, house cleaners, gardeners, etc., maids, etc.) are covered by Social Security if they are paid \$50 or more in a calendar quarter. You must withhold Social Security taxes from a covered employee's wages, and you must pay the matching employer share of the taxes, for a total of 15.3 percent of the wages.

If you have a domestic employee, call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040 and ask for an employee identification number. The IRS also will send you the forms necessary to report and pay the required Social Security taxes.

Q. I hire a baby sitter. But I'm not sure if she is really my employee. When is she an independent contractor?

A. If your baby sitter watches

your child in your home, she is your employee and you are responsible for withholding and matching Social Security taxes. If you get your child care outside of your home, you are getting it from an independent contractor and you are not responsible for the Social Security taxes. It's as simple as that.

Q. My mother comes over every day to watch my children while my husband and I are at work. Is it considered child care outside of your home, you are getting it from an independent contractor and you are not responsible for the Social Security taxes for her even if we wanted to?

A. True. Domestic services performed by your parent in your home are not excluded from Social Security coverage. The exception to this rule: If you were widowed, divorced or your husband was incapacitated and you hired someone else to take care of the kids, then the services would be covered by Social Security.

Q. We hire one of the neighborhood teenagers to watch our baby when we go out. This is very infrequent, maybe once or twice per month, and she performs these services for

other families, too. Would she be considered our employee?

A. If she babysits in your home she is your employee, regardless of any other employment she may have. If you pay her \$50 or more in a calendar quarter, you are liable for Social Security taxes, regardless of how infrequently or irregularly the services are performed.

Q. I babysit for a little girl in my home. Am I considered self-employed? Do I have to pay Social Security taxes on my earnings?

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Book gives tips for parents, teachers of gifted children

By Jane Cosby
Correspondent

All men might be created equal, but by the time they reach school age there are enough differences within a classroom of children to boggle the average schoolteacher's lesson plans.

Dealing with the diversities among children's abilities and skills is a front education and is an essential element of learning.

Most teachers find themselves aiming their lessons toward the average students in their class and trying as best they can to accommodate the top and bottom students in various ways.

In some cases, teachers assume that the most able students will get by without much help from them and spend much of their time and energy on the less able students. It is just this situation that Susan Winebrenner seeks to remediate with her book, "Teaching Gifted Kids in the Regular Classroom" (Free Spirit Publishing, \$19.95).

This excellent compilation of strategies and techniques to meet the academic needs of gifted kids, aimed at teachers but has something to offer parents as well.

Winebrenner tells teachers how to deal with students who

already know the material the teacher is preparing to teach. She suggests ways to assign assignments that do not require a lot of teacher preparation are suggested to meet the needs of advanced students.

Parents of elementary school-age children who aren't being challenged in their regular classroom may want to invest in this wealth of teaching ideas to be used as a resource guide. The book may give parents some ideas for ways to help their child's teacher.

Winebrenner suggests that children who have mastered the material being taught in class engage in independent assignments on topics of their choice.

Children could:

COLLECT facts or ideas which are important to them.

TELL a lesson about their topic to the class.

COMPARE two things from their study.

GRAPH some part of their study.

Demonstrate something to show what they have learned.

SURVEY others to learn their opinions and feelings about the student's topic.

Dramatize something to show what they have learned.

FORECAST how their topic

will change in the next 10 years. The following activities are samples of the kinds of special assignments Winebrenner gives gifted children.

• Create a game for others to play to learn specific information.

• Create dictionaries for specific topics, translate words into another language.

• Create a puppet show, radio or television production.

• Write a diary or journal of an important historical event or person.

• Create a time line of events: personal, historical or social.

• Present biographical information dressed as the person being investigated.

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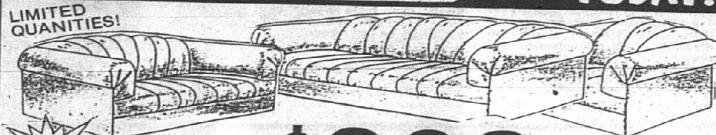
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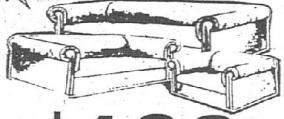
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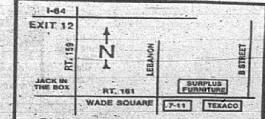
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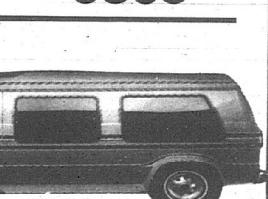
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